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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHOOLS FOR MUSLIM CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by the Government for the selection of minority areas for setting up of educational institutions;

(b) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to implement modern education system in Madarsas being run in the country;

(c) if so, the details and salient features thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received some representation from the Public representatives/various organisations etc. for the setting up of exclusive schools for Muslim children in the Muslim dominated areas;

(e) if so, the details and the status thereof;

(f) whether the Government proposes to open some technical and non-technical minority educational institutions in the country;

(g) if so, the details of places selected for the purpose, State-wise;

(h) whether the Government provides financial assistance and other facilities to these educational institutions; and

(i) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of institutions receiving such aid at present in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D.PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs has identified Minority concentration districts/blocks/towns. The selection of areas for setting up central educational institutions is done based on the nature of the institution, proposal from the State Government and availability of land and other infrastructure. The Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for modernization of Madarsas, since 1993 under which grants are given to State Government/UT Administration to provide assistance to Madarsas volunteering to teach modern subjects in addition to traditional instruction. Under the scheme, at present, assistance is given towards teacher`s salary (Rs.3000 per month for primary level and Rs.4000 per month for secondary level) for a maximum of two teachers per Madarsa. In addition a one time grant of Rs.7000/- each, for establishment of library and for distribution of science kits respectively is also given for each Madarsa.

(d) to (e): While no representation has been received for setting up of exclusive schools for Muslim children in Muslim dominated areas, a project proposal for the establishment of Senior Secondary Urdu medium residential schools for the upliftment of Muslims and Urdu speaking population has been received from Honourable Shri Asaduddin Owaisi and other Muslim Members of Parliament. This proposal has been kept in view for drawing up an action plan by the High Level Committee constituted by this Ministry for implementing the recommendations of Justice Rajinder Sachar Committee on the Social, Economic and Educational Status of the Muslim Community of India.

(f): At present there is no proposal to set up technical and non-technical minority educational institutions.

(g) to (i): Do not arise.